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Lisbon, November 3, N. S.

ON the 29th of last Month this Court went into Mourning for the Death of Prince Maximilian of Hanover, which had been notified by Mr. Dormer His Britannick Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary. The 27th past Vice-Admiral Somelsdyck and Rear-Admiral Van Coperen sailed from hence for Holland, with six Dutch Men of War. The Infant Don Francisco the King's Brother went last Week to Zamora Correa to take the Diversion of Hunting. The House of the Conde de Redondo is taken for the Marquess de los Balbases, who pays for it Six thousand five hundred Crusadoes for one Year. It is the House the Queen Dowager of England formerly lived in. His Britannick Majesty's Ship the Dursley, Captain Purvis Commander, sailed this Day for Gibraltar.

Stockholm, Oct. 26. The Orders of the Nobility, Clergy, Burghers, and Peasants, have approved the Proceedings of the Secret Committee in causing Count Welling's Person and Papers to be seized. And it was this Day resolved in the House of the Nobles, That a Tribunal for examining and judging that Count should be composed of Twelve Persons and a President chosen out of the Secret Committee, viz. The President and Six out of the Deputies of the Nobles; Three of the Clergy, and Three Burghers: That these Thirteen Persons should be chosen by the Twelve Electors who chose the Secret Committee, and by the other Twelve who were added to them towards chusing the other Deputations; that the Chancellour of Justice (or Attorney-General) should prosecute, and that all Count Welling's Papers should be referred to this Tribunal.

Hague, Nov. 22, N. S. The Dutch Squadron commanded by Vice-Admiral Somelsdyck, is returned from the Mediterranean into several Ports of these Provinces, without having suffered any Damage by the stormy Weather they had in their Passage.

Edinburgh, Oct. 31. This Day the Ceremony of delivering the Ensigns of the most Ancient and most Noble Order of the Thistle, by the Right Honourable James Earl of Finlatore, Commissioner appointed by His Majesty for that End, to his Grace James Duke of Hamilton, was performed in the following Manner at his Majesty's Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The Commissioner being come to the Royal Apartment at Holyroodhouse, attended by a great Number of Nobility and Gentry, and having given the necessary Orders for disposing every thing for the Ceremony, he sent the Lord Lyon King of Arms, for his Grace the Duke of Hamilton, who was in an adjoining Apartment.

And his Grace was conducted and supported by two Noblemen, viz. the Marquess of Tweddale and Earl of Ilay, and ushered by the Heralds and Pursevants in their Robes, the King of Arms in his Robes, Collar, and Baton going immediately before him, and carrying on a Velvet Cushion the Ensigns of the Order and his Grace's Commission, which he placed on a Table near to the Commissioner.

The Commissioner delivered his Commission from His Majesty, as Sovereign of the Order, to the Lord Lyon, which he received kneeling, and read it in Publick, all present standing.

Then the Commissioner being seated in the Chair of State, and covered, appointed Charles Erskine, Esq; His Majesty's Solliator, in Absence of the Secretary, to administer the Oath of the Order to the Duke, which he accordingly did, and his Grace signed it.

The Lord Lyon kneeling, delivered a Sword to the Commissioner, who sitting in the Chair, knighted his Grace kneeling in the usual Form.

Then the King of Arms, in Absence of the Secretary, kneeling, delivered the Ribbon and Badge of the Order to the Commissioner, who put it over the Duke's Neck, and the King of Arms did pin and adjust it.

The Statutes of the Order being presented on the Knee by the King of Arms to the Commissioner, he delivered them to the Duke.

Then His Majesty's Commission, granting to the Duke all the Privileges of the Knights of the Order, notwithstanding of the Non-Investiture and dispensing therewith, was delivered by the King of Arms to the Commissioner, who delivered the same to his Grace.

Immediately after the Ceremony, the Heralds, Pursevants, and Trumpets, being ordered by the King of Arms, proclaimed the Duke over the Window of the Royal Apartment, Knight of the most Ancient and most Noble Order of the Thistle.

After the Ceremony was over, the Duke entertained the Commissioner, the Nobility, and many Gentlemen then present in a most splendid Manner.

Whitehall, November 15.

His Majesty has been pleased to confer the Honour of Knighthood on Mr. Justice Edmund Probyn, and Mr. Baron John Comyns.

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